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SUBJECT: SLBM NEW TYPES (SALT TWO-1719)

REFS: (A) STATE 109276 (B) STATE 111017

1. DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON NEW
TYPES OF SLBMS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PROTOCOL: ASSUMING PROTOCOL BAN ON ICBM NEW TYPES
WITH NO EXEMPTION, U.S. COULD ACCEPT SLBM PROVISION
EXEMPTING TRIDENT I AND SS-N-18; OR

(B) TREATY: ASSUMING TREATY BAN ON ICBM NEW TYPES WITH
ONE EXEMPTION FOR MIRVED OR NON-MIRVED LIGHT ICBM, U.S.
COULD ACCEPT SLBM TREATY PROVISION PERMITTING COMPLETION
OF TRIDENT I AND SS-N-18, AND PROVIDING EXEMPTION FOR
TRIDENT II AND TYPHOON.

2. ALTERNATIVELY, U.S. COULD ACCEPT NO BAN ON SLBM NEW
TYPES.

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3. REVISED DEFINITION OF ICBM NEW TYPES WOULD BE APPLIED
TO SLBMS IN BOTH 1(A) AND 1(B) ABOVE. ALSO DELEGATION
WOULD PROPOSE DEFINITION OF SLBM LAUNCH-WEIGHT AND THROW-
WEIGHT ALONG LINES OF DEFINITION OF ICBM LAUNCH-WEIGHT
AND THROW-WEIGHT.

4. DELEGATION PLANS TO IMPLEMENT FOREGOING POSITION AT

APPROPRIATE TIME AFTER PRESENTING U.S. POSITION ON ICBM

NEW TYPES PER REFTELS (A) AND (B).

5. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION, DELEGATION REQUIRES
GUIDANCE ON FOLLOWING:

(A) IS IT STILL U.S. INTENT TO BAN SS-NX-17 (WHICH
SOVIETS SAY WILL NOT BE DEPLOYED ON MORE THAN ONE SSBN)?

(B) WHAT IS BASELINE BEYOND WHICH FURTHER CHANGES TO
PERMITTED NEW TYPES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO DEFINITION? THIS
IS REQUIRED NOT ONLY FOR ANY EXEMPTED SLBMS, BUT ALSO
FOR SLBMS WHICH ARE PERMITTED TO BE "COMPLETED."

(ALSO, BASELINE WILL EVENTUALLY BE REQUIRED FOR ICBM
NEW TYPES EXEMPTION, IF ANY.) EARLE

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